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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

MITSUBISHI DENKI KABUSHIKI KAISHA

Appln. No. 09/277,198

Group Art Unit: 2834

Confirmation No.: 3195

Examiner: TAMAI, KARL I

Filed: March 26, 1999

For: STATOR FOR AN AUTOMOTIVE ALTERNATOR AND METHOD OF
MANUFACTURE THEREFOR

**PETITION TO RESET THE PERIOD FOR REPLY
DUE TO LATE RECEIPT OF AN OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicant representatives have recently received an Office Action for the above-identified application dated December 3, 2001. In view of the substantial portion of the set period for reply having elapsed prior to the date of receipt, Applicants hereby petition to have the previously set time period for reply to the Office Action restarted. Applicants submit the following in support of the petition.

Applicants are filing the instant petition within two weeks of the actual date of receipt of the Office Action. A substantial portion of the set period for reply has elapsed prior to the date of receipt of the Office Action. The PTO mail date of the Office Action was December 3, 2001. However, the actual date of receipt of the Office Action was January 7, 2002. Enclosed herewith is a copy of the Office Action cover page with the Sughrue Mion, PLLC Docketing Department

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stamped date of receipt. As a routine matter, mail received by Sughrue Mion, PLLC is first processed and date stamped by the Docketing Department upon its arrival.

Applicant believes that the Office Action may have been subjected to delay by the U.S. Postal Service as a result of recent extra precautions being taken by the U.S. Postal Service to screen mail passing through Washington D.C. Post Offices.

As provided for in MPEP §710.06, and in view of the above, Applicants respectfully petition to have the previously set time period for reply to the Office Action dated December 3, 2001 restarted.

It is not believed that any fees are due for the instant Petition. However, should it be determined that fees are required for the instant petition, please charge the fees to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard C. Turner', written over a horizontal line.

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